

### **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) An implant abutment for attaching a dental prosthesis within a patient's mouth, comprising:  
a core; and  
a cuff surrounding the core,  
wherein the cuff is colored in accordance with a dental shade guide color to match the color of the dental prosthesis.
2. (original) The product of claim 1, wherein the core is formed of a metallic material.
3. (original) The product of claim 2, wherein the metallic material is titanium or a titanium alloy.
4. (original) The product of claim 1, wherein the cuff is formed of a ceramic or a polymeric material.
5. (original) The product of claim 1, wherein the prosthesis is formed of a ceramic or a polymeric material.
6. (original) The product of claim 2, wherein the cuff and prosthesis are formed of a ceramic material.
7. (currently amended) A dental implant restoration system comprising:  
an implant fixed within a patient's jaw;  
an abutment having a core and a cuff surrounding the core, fixed to the implant; and  
a dental prosthesis fixed to the abutment,

wherein the abutment cuff is colored in accordance with a dental shade guide color to match the color of the dental prosthesis.

8. (original) The system of claim 7, wherein the abutment core is formed of a metallic material.

9. (original) The system of claim 7, wherein the abutment cuff is formed of a ceramic or a polymeric material.

10. (original) The system of claim 7, wherein the dental prosthesis is formed of a ceramic or a polymeric material.

11. (original) The system of claim 8, wherein the abutment cuff and the dental prosthesis are formed of a ceramic material.

12. (currently amended) A method for fabricating a dental implant restoration comprising:

fixing an implant within the jawbone of a patient;

fixing an abutment having a core and a cuff surrounding the core, to the implant; and

fixing a dental prosthesis to the abutment,

wherein the abutment cuff is colored to match the color of the dental prosthesis by matching the color of the dental prosthesis to the color of a dental shade guide and fabricating the cuff to match the color of the selected dental shade guide.

13. (original) The method according to claim 12, wherein the abutment core is formed of a metallic material.

14. (original) The method according to claim 12, wherein the abutment cuff is formed of a ceramic or a polymeric material.

15. (original) The method according to claim 12, wherein the dental prosthesis is formed of a ceramic or a polymeric material.

16. (original) The method according to claim 13, wherein the abutment cuff and the dental prosthesis are formed of a ceramic material.